

Listing of Claims

1. - 20. (cancelled)

1 21. (new) An apparatus for inhibiting foot eversion, the apparatus comprising
2 a cuff positionable around a leg immediately above an ankle joint
3 so that the ankle joint prevents the cuff from moving downwardly,
4 a strap with a first end and a second end, the first end connected
5 to the cuff and the second end connectible to footwear at a location on a
6 portion of the footwear at an outer side thereof.

1 22. (new) The apparatus of claim 21 further comprising
2 a front member having a top end connectible to the cuff and a
3 bottom end connectible to a front part of the footwear.

1 23. (new) The apparatus of claim 21 wherein the second end of the strap is
2 connectible to an outside part of the footwear.

1 24. (new) The apparatus of claim 21 further comprising
2 a strap for wrapping around the cuff to secure the cuff around a
3 wearer's leg.

1 25. (new) The apparatus of claim 21 wherein the cuff is positionable above
2 protruding parts of the ankle thereby preventing the cuff from moving down on the leg
3 below the ankle.

1 26. (new) The apparatus of claim 24 wherein the cuff is at least partially
2 supported by the protruding parts of the ankle to facilitate inhibition of eversion of the
3 foot.

1 27. (new) The apparatus of claim 25 further comprising
2 adjustability means for adjusting length of the strap between the
3 cuff and the footwear.

1 28. (new) The apparatus of claim 27 wherein the adjustability means is from
2 the group consisting of openable-closable clasp and buckle apparatus.

1 29. (new) The apparatus of claim 27 wherein the cuff includes cushion material
2 for the comfort of a user of the apparatus.

1 30. (new) An apparatus for inhibiting foot eversion, the apparatus comprising

2 a cuff positionable around a leg immediately above an ankle joint
3 so that the ankle joint prevents the cuff from moving downwardly,

4 two straps each with a first end and a second end, the first end
5 connected to the cuff and the second end connectible to footwear at a location
6 on a portion of the footwear at an outer side thereof.

1 31. (new) An apparatus for inhibiting foot eversion, the apparatus comprising
2 a cuff positionable around a leg immediately above an ankle joint
3 so that the ankle joint prevents the cuff from moving downwardly,

4 at least one strap with a first end and a second end, the first end
5 releasably connected to the cuff and the second end releasably connectible to
6 footwear at a location on a portion of the footwear at an outer side thereof, the
7 second end of the strap releasably connectible to an outside part of the
8 footwear,

9 a strap for wrapping around the cuff to secure the cuff around a
10 wearer's leg,

11 an amount of releasably cooperating fastener material on a surface
12 of the cuff,

13 a corresponding first amount of releasably cooperating fastener
14 material on a surface of the strap for facilitating securement of the strap to the
15 cuff,

16 wherein the cuff is positionable above protruding parts of the ankle
17 thereby preventing the cuff from moving down on the leg below the ankle,

18 wherein the cuff is at least partially supported by the protruding
19 parts of the ankle to facilitate inhibition of eversion of the foot, and

20 adjustability means for adjusting length of the strap between the
21 cuff and the footwear.

1 32. (new) A method for inhibiting foot eversion, the method comprising

2 emplacing the foot in footwear, the footwear having an apparatus
3 for inhibiting foot eversion, the apparatus comprising a cuff positionable around
4 a leg immediately above an ankle joint so that the ankle joint prevents the cuff

5 from moving downwardly, a strap with a first end and a second end, the first
6 end connected to the cuff and the second end connectible to footwear at a
7 location on a portion of the footwear at an outer side thereof; and
8 positioning the cuff around the leg immediately above an ankle
9 joint thereof, and

10 connecting the second end of the strap to an outer side of the
11 footwear.

1 33. (new) The method of claim 31 wherein the apparatus further comprises a
2 front member having a top end connectible to the cuff and a bottom end connectible
3 to a front part of the footwear, the method further comprising

4 connecting the top end of the front member to the cuff and the
5 bottom end of the front member to a front part of the footwear.

1 34. (new) The method of claim 31 further comprising

2 positioning the cuff above protruding parts of the ankle thereby
3 preventing the cuff from moving down on the leg below the ankle, and
4 at least partially supporting the cuff with the protruding parts of the ankle
5 to facilitate inhibition of eversion of the foot.

1 35. (new) The method of claim 31 wherein the apparatus further comprises
2 adjustability means for adjusting length of the strap between the cuff and the
3 footwear, the method further comprising

4 adjusting the length of the strap with the adjustability means.